

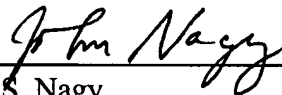
REMARKS

This application is a divisional application of U.S. Serial No. 08/556,516, filed November 13, 1995, for which the issue fee has been paid. Claims 2-24 have been canceled without prejudice, and claims 25-42 have been added by this Preliminary Amendment. No new matter is believed to be presented as all of new claims are fully supported by the specification and drawings. Specifically, weld connections are referenced at page 4, line 17-24, under the heading "Summary of the Invention." Thus, claims 25-42 are pending in the application and early consideration and allowance is solicited.

Several numerical references in the specification have been changed to correct typographical errors. The changes are consistent with the numerical references in the drawings.

Respectfully submitted,

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